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Transportation Committee
Public Hearing
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Re: PHB 6031 -- An Act Concerning the Operation of a Motor Bus, Taxicab, Motor Vehicle in Livery Service of Motor Vehicle in the Transportation of Household Goods

Chairman Maynard, Chairman Guerrero and Members of the Transportation Committee

My name is Malco Henry and I am President of the Yellow Cab Company of Bloomfield, and President of The Connecticut Taxi Advisor Council.

I am here to speak in opposition to PHB 6031 as it relates to the deregulation of the taxi service industry.

Deregulation and elimination of the requirement of a finding of proof of public convenience and necessity by the Department of Transportation would leave the riding public in Connecticut totally unprotected and unsafe.

The reason to have a certificate of public convenience and necessity is to assure that operators are properly screened, licensed, insured and are operating and maintaining their vehicles in a safe manner.

In 2008, the General Assembly's Program Review and Investigations Committee did a thorough study and investigation of the regulation of the taxicab industry and concluded that the taxicab industry needs more, not less regulation.

Passage of PHB 6031 would result in total chaos in the taxicab industry. It will result in the diminished service and endanger the riding public. Operators from our adjoining states will rush to Connecticut and lead to substantial in state job losses.

For these reasons I strongly urge rejection of this proposal.

Marco Henry